The Gatekeeper

The offical newsletter of the

Barony of Unser Hafen

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Baronial Bite

Greetings to the Barony,

We hope that everyone had a joyful Holiday Season and will have a wonderful New Year. The New Year will start a busy round of activities.

In January is Twelfth Night with a Byzantine theme and Lady Anne and Don Andreas will be elevated to the peerage. Also, there is Viking Vintr Vunderland, in the Barony of Arquelle, which is a fun event full of fighting and Bardic. Dress warmly if you go. And finally, is Winter Coronation down in Citadel of the Southern Pass.

February has the War of the Phoenix and our rescheduled Newcomers.

In March is Dragonspine Candlemas and the second multi baronial A&S where we will pick our new Baronial A&S Champion. If you are interested in competing, keep an eye on https://www.outlands.org/event/candlemas/ for registration information when they publish it.

The search for the next Unser Hafen Baron and Baroness continues. If you want to put yourself forward, letters of intent are due to the next King and Queen by January 18; February Newcomers will have polling, and May 10 will be investiture.

Yours in Service,
Freana, Baron
Richenda, Baroness

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. As the new year enters our realm, I make this reminder to check your membership expiration dates. A lot of us like to renew in the beginning of the year and then forget to double check.

The longest night of the year has passed and it's time to take a breather.

Johnstown. Come, be welcome to our Barony and the SCA! Newcomers will offer you a multitude of classes, fighting, music, and food. Make new friends! Volunteering is another way to meet people. Every event is an opportunity to help and learn.

Newcomers will also include the polling to determine the successors of Our beloved Excellencies, Freana and Richenda. Please come and have your opinion heard. The Crown of the Kingdom of the Outlands requires that those interested in being the next Baronial Coronet for the Barony of Unser Hafen email the Crown your letter of intent by January 18, 2025 to be considered for the position . Please provide an introduction as well as what goals and activities you would like to do as Baron/Baroness. Send your letter of intent to crown@outlands.org.

The Barony of Caerthe is hosting 12 th Night: Crossroads of Constantinople on January 4 th at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Come celebrate the Byzantine Empire! The weekend after that, is Viking Vintr Vunderland V, followed by Winter Coronation in the Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass.

For more information on any of these events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars.

The offices of Baronial Chatelaine and Baronial Quartermaster are still available. If you're interested, information about these positions is available on the Unser Hafen website in the "Call for Officers" or ask me directly. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you only want to dip your toe into the pool, many of us are looking for Deputies!

Wishing you a joyous New Year,
I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Herald's Call

Greetings, Unser Hafen!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As the new year dawns, I am still looking for a successor in this office:

- You don't need to know everything, or even anything, to start out!

- All I ask is that you have an appetite for learning new things

Please reach out if you have any interest or want to learn more!

Additionally, I will still be hosting a heraldic consultation table at the rescheduled Newcomers! I will also have some materials prepared to teach heraldry throughout the SCA, in particular The heraldry of the kingdoms of the SCA and groups of the Outlands. If you are a Newcomer, please feel free to swing by, and if not, please point your favorite Newcomers to me. The more the merrier!

-- Andreas, Barbican (Acting)

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Scribal Notes

January's Scribal Night will be on the third Monday, January 20th. Join us for our New Year Planning Session and an open project night - bring any Arts & Sciences related things you are working on, or just your enthusiasm and questions. We will also discuss what we would like to do and see in the new year of our Scribal and Arts & Sciences Socials.

As always, dinner will be available at 6 pm and project space/class time at 6:30 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

Call for Deputies! The Scribal Office for the Barony of Unser Hafen is in need of Deputies! No artistic skill required for the office. Message Regalis to learn more. You can contact her at scribe@unserhafen.org, via the Book of Faces or Discord, or at any local event.

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Team

Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown CO.

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Fighter Practice

And A&S Gathering

Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
CSU Glenn Morris Fieldhouse
901 S College Ave, Fort Collins
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Medieval Night

Gryphon Games and Comics

First Monday of every month
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
1119 W Drake Rd C-30,
Fort Collins, CO 80526
map
Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,
garb making, arts and crafts,and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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White Rose Inn

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. If you are interested in medieval food, there will be a short talk and things to taste test. Bring along and share your own culinary experiments if you want. Not into cooking? Come test what others have made. Or just come and hang out and share your scintillating conversation. Don't live in Unser Hafen? You are welcome as well.

Come Taste, Test, And Talk.

No SCA garb is required. You are welcome to bring food
if you didn't have time for dinner.
The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley.

No White Rose Inn in January.
The Inn will return in February.

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Call for Submissions

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (expect February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing! Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged

Archery Practice
Winter archery practice is on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 2 pm to 4pm at Rocky Mountain Archery 4518 Innovation Dr. in Fort Collins. Map

Note: We may start a few minutes late to allow everyone to clear out of private events before opening.

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

Barbican Office Hours
When: The second Thursday of January, the 9th.
Where: Grimm Brothers Brewhouse, 815 14th St SW B100, Loveland, CO 80537
What: Unser Hafen's Herald, Barbican Pursuivant, hosts monthly in-person office hours for anyone interested in any aspect of heraldry to come and speak to him. Interested in researching or submitting your name or heraldry? Want to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your conflict-checking, name documentation skills, or OSCAR commentary skills? All these and more are fair game, come on by!

Going on in Sterling

Medieval Night
First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

Archery Practice
First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Upcoming Events

Twelfth Night

Crossroads of Constantinople
Saturday, January 4th, 2025
Come celebrate Twelfth Night with our neighors to the south and see two of our own get elevated!
Site
Waymire Dome
Adams County Fair Grounds
9755 Henderson Road
Brighton, Colorado
Event Site

Viking Vinter Vunderland V

Saturday, January 11, 202
9:00 am -- 6:00 pm
Merry making, delicious foods, War practice, a brewing competition, bardic tall tales competition, a silent auction, and the challenge table is making its return. Potluck lunch; if you bring food, please include a list of ingredients for your dish.
Site
Pueblo Mountain Park
9112 Pueblo Mountain Park Road
Beulah Colorado 82923
Event Site

Saturday, January 18th 9:00 am -- 9:00 pm
Sunday, January 19th 9:00 am -- 9:00pm
Saturday Site
Tobin Nations United Methodist Church
9410 Roanoke Drive
El Paso, TX 79924
Sunday Site
Memorial Park
3201 Grant Ave
El Paso, TX 79930
Event Site

War of the Phoenix

February 11th -- 17th
Phoenix International Raceway
7802 Kimmie Johnson Drive
Avondale, AZ 85323
Event Site

Newcomers and Baronial Polling

Saturday, February 22nd, 2025
Come enjoy a multitude of classes, tournaments, bardic and subtlety competions, and a feast (seperate fee). Need stuff? Stop by the Second Hand Treasures table. Help choose our next Baron and Baronness.

Johnstown YMCA
165 Settler Way
Johnstown CO 80534
9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Site Setup 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Friday, 8:00 am -9:00 am Saturday.
Tear down 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday.
Event Steward: THL Eithne ingen Fhaelain Duib (clairedebrighid@gmail.com)
Event Site

Die Lichtmess Spergauer,

A German Candlemas & Multi-Baronial A&S

Saturday. March 1st, 8:0 am -- 7:00 pm
There will be: a Multi-Baronial Arts and Sciences Competition, an Atlantian Speed Tournament for our fencers, merchants, a feast, and so much more.
Eastside Church of Christ
5905 Flntridge Drive
Colorado Springs CO 80918
Event Site

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Check the Unser Hafen website or The Book of Faces for additional upcoming events and locations.

Virtual Populace Meeting

Third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

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Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

His Excellency
Baron Freana Geardson
baron@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
Baroness Richenda de la Selva
baroness@unserhafen.org

Court Herald - Sir Felix Sniumi
Defender - Lord Primus
Protector - Don Andreas
Warden - Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Mistress Llamnei

Barbican Persuivant - Don Andreas von Meißen
Head of Household - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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Call for Letters of Intent

Baron and Baroness

The Crown has proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the next Baron and/or Baroness of Unser Hafen!

Those interested in applying must submit Letters of Intent **by January 18th** to the Crown at Crown@outlands.org

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- What are your goals and activities you hope to do as Baron and/or Baroness.

Polling for the next Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen will be held at Newcomers, February 22nd, 2025.

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Officers & Deputies

Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)

Here be proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)! Are you interested in helping people research and register their names and heraldry? Would you like to learn how to run courts or announce the fighters at tournaments? Are you eager to learn about the history of heraldry? You will receive on-the-job training prior to taking over as

Quartermaster and Chatelaine/ Gold Key

Call for Volunteers to become Officers for the Barony of Unser Hafen. The following Baronial Officers have indicated that they wish to step down. Please consider submitting a letter of intent for these positions.

Quartermaster: Maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.
Chatelaine/ Gold Key: Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator. Provides and maintains loaner garb for newcomers.

For All Officer Positions

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baron and Baroness, Freana and Richenda, via baronage@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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Baronial Officers

Seneschal:
President
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int

Knight Marshal:
Martial Arts Coordinator
Sir Uchtred Leifsson

Chancellor of the Exchequer: Treasurer
Mistress Ursula d\'Arcy
exchequer@unserhafen.org

Barbican Pursuivant Herald:
Assists members with names and devices
Don Andreas von Meißen
(Andrew R. Mizener, Ph.D)
herald@unserhafen.org

Scribe:
Creates award scrolls
Lady Regalis dei Falchi
[Lord Galen FitzThomas}]
scribe@unserhafen.o

Minister of Arts and Sciences:
Development of Arts and Sciences
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir
aands@unserhafen.org

Chronicler:
Creates this newsletter
Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue
chronicler@unserhafen.org

Web Administrators
Maintains the website
Laurel M. & Valerie F.
webministerl@unserhafen.org

Social Media Officer
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Dagny Innaldi
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

Captain of Archers:
Archery Coordinator
Lord Roland Colby
archery@unserhafen.org

Marshal of Fence:
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

Equestrian:
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.
Lady Cecelia O'Connor
equestrian@unserhafen.org

Chatelaine/ Gold Key:
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers.
Position is open. See Call for Letters
Deputy: Lady Caírech Liath ingen Alpin
chatelaine@unserhafen.org

Quartermaster:
Coordinates storage, upkeep, and transportation of Baronial property
Looking for a replacement. See Call for Letters
Lord Galen FitzThomas
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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Awards and Recognitions

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards, and awards available from other groups, is available here.

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Wimble Herald

- http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

- https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbe2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!16s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer
- Map for Edora Park: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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